

ing or dead, or if living whether said life tenants are residents or non-residents of this State, or if living where said life tenants can be found, and for protecting the interests of such life tenants and for protecting fiduciaries making distribution or delivery of property.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, the said new section to follow immediately after Section 225 of said Article, to be known as Section 225A, and to read as follows:

225A. Whenever any fiduciary, as defined in Section 225, shall hold property in trust for a beneficiary for and during the life of said beneficiary with remainder over to a person or corporation named or designated in the will, deed or other instrument creating the trust, and said life tenant shall fail to appear and claim the interest in said trust estate to which he may be entitled for a period of seven years from the date on which a Court of Equity shall have assumed jurisdiction of the trust property, whether said date shall occur before or after the passage of this statute, and it shall not be known to said fiduciary, after diligent search made by him, whether said life tenant is living or dead, or if living whether said life tenant is a resident or non-resident of this State, or if living where said life tenant can be found, said fiduciary or person, or corporation entitled in remainder may apply by bill or petition to the said Court of Equity which has so assumed jurisdiction of the trust praying the said Court for the passage of a decree to close said trust estate and make distribution to the person or corporation entitled in remainder or to his or its heirs, personal representatives, successors or assigns as their interest may appear. And said Court of Equity in administering and carrying out the provisions of this section, shall have and exercise the powers, authority and discretion conferred upon such Court by said Section 225, and shall adopt the same procedure as is therein provided so far as the same may be reasonable and applicable. Any fiduciary making distribution or delivery of any property in obedience to such decree or order shall be protected from any claim in respect thereof by such life tenant, his heirs, personal representatives or assigns.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1933.

Approved April 21, 1933.